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644PM URGENT APRIL 12, 1974 JJS

TO ~~DIRECTOR~~

CHARLOTTE

FROM LOS ANGELES (9-NEW)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 12 1974

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Dep.-A.D.-Inv.	_____
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Admin.	_____
Comp. Syst.	_____
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Files & Com.	_____
Gen. Inv.	_____
Ident.	_____
Inspection	_____
Intell.	_____
Laboratory	_____
Plan. & Eval.	_____
Spec. Inv.	_____
Training	_____
Legal Coun.	_____
Telephone Rm.	_____
Director Sec'y	_____

UNSUB; AKA, [REDACTED] JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM.

EXTORTION. OO: CHARLOTTE.

[REDACTED] CAL., TODAY ADVISED HE
IS [REDACTED] FOR JOHNNY CARSON, HOST OF NATIONAL BROADCASTING
COMPANY'S "TONIGHT SHOW" EMANATING FROM NBC, BURBANK, CALIF.
HE MADE AVAILABLE EXTORTION LETTER POSTMARKED "US POSTAL
SERVICE NC 285 PM 8 APRIL 1974" WITH HAND PRINTED ADDRESS
"TONIGHT SHOW NBC STUDIO HOLLYWOOD CALIF", HAND PRINTED
RETURN ADDRESS [REDACTED], N.C."

AND ACCOMPANYING SALMON COLORED SHEET OF PAPER WITH MESSAGE OF
WORDS CUT FROM MAGAZINES OR NEWSPAPERS "IF JOHNNY CARSON DON'T
SEND ME 25 000 TO [REDACTED] I WILL KILL HIM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], N.C." CH 39 MCT-12 REG-06 119 - 57519 -
CARSON RECEIVED LETTER APRIL ELEVEN LAST REQUESTED

[REDACTED] CONTACT FBI. [REDACTED] UNKNOWN TO CARSON AND NO SUSPECTS.
LA INDICES NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED TO INFORM
CARSON THAT IF PROTECTION DESIRED, MUST BE PROVIDED BY LOCAL
AUTHORITIES.

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LA OFFICE ADVISED LAPD, OF LETTER SINCE CARSON
RESIDES WITHIN LAPD TERRITORY.

CHARLOTTE PRESENT TO USA. ADVISE [REDACTED] N.C., POLICE
OF LETTER AND CHECK ARREST RECORD ON [REDACTED] IDENTIFY PATRON
OF [REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW. ADVISE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES.

FOR INFO CHARLOTTE, LETTER COULD BE CONSTRUED TO READ
IN PART ".....DON'T SEND ME 25 000 TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], NMC. I WILL KILL HIM."

ORIGINAL ITEMS BEING SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY TODAY AND
XEROX COPIES NOTED FOR CHARLOTTE.

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CC - [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Director Sec'y _____

NR 005 CE PLAIN

APR 15 1974

5:35 PM NITEL APRIL 15, 1974 KCL

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES

FROM CHARLOTTE (9-2547) (P) 2P

UNSUB; AKA., [REDACTED] JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION. OO: CHARLOTTE

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[REDACTED]
NORTH CAROLINA, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED APRIL 15, 1974.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HIS FAMILY IS PATRON FOR [REDACTED]

NORTH CAROLINA. [REDACTED] DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF LETTER TO
CARSON AND DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF INDIVIDUAL NAMED [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] IT IS NOTED [REDACTED] IS A WHITE MALE, BORN

[REDACTED] NORTH CAROLINA, 6' TALL,

WEIGHING 240 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, SSAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS SEVENTH GRADE EDUCATION, HAS NOT BEEN
EMPLOYED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, AND LAST WORKED AS A JANITOR.

HE RESIDES WITH [REDACTED]

END PAGE ONE

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[REDACTED] NORTH CAROLINA.

[REDACTED] WERE INTERVIEWED AND DENIED
ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ADMITTED PRIOR ARREST AT [REDACTED] IN 1968, FOR
DISTURBING THE PEACE.

ON APRIL 15, 1974, AUSA [REDACTED] EDNC, RALEIGH,
NC, ADVISED OF RECEIPT OF LETTER AS SET FORTH IN LOS ANGELES
TELETYPE, AND HE STATED IT APPEARED TO BE A VIOLATION OF
FEDERAL EXTORTION STATUTE.

CHARLOTTE, AT [REDACTED] NORTH CAROLINA. WILL UPON RECEIPT
OF EXTORTION LETTER OBTAIN HANDWRITING SAMPLES AND FINGERPRINTS
FROM [REDACTED]
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 13 1974

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Dep. A.D.-Inv. _____
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Director Sec'y _____

NR 001 CE PLAIN

200 PM URGENT APRIL 13, 1974 RNM

TO: DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES

FROM: CHARLOTTE (9-2547) 2P (P)

UNSUB; AKA., [REDACTED] JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM,
EXTORTION, OO CHARLOTTE.

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL 12, 1974.

CAPTAIN [REDACTED] PD, [REDACTED] NC, ADVISED
OF LETTER SENT TO VICTIM JOHNNY CARSON. CAPTAIN [REDACTED] STATED
[REDACTED] PD RECORDS CONTAINED NO INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CAPTAIN [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED
NAMES NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM.

[REDACTED] SUPERINTENDENT OF MAILS, [REDACTED] POST
OFFICE, [REDACTED] NC, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] WAS RENTED BY

[REDACTED] AT TIME OF APPLICATION, [REDACTED]
FURNISHED LOCAL ADDRESS AS [REDACTED] NC.

THIS ADDRESS LOCATED IN [REDACTED] COUNTY OUTSIDE CITY OF [REDACTED] 1974
CONTACT AT [REDACTED] DETERMINED THIS RESIDENCE
CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY A [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) FAMILY; HOWEVER,
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[] NO LONGER LIVING AT THIS ADDRESS. LOCAL DIRECTORIES
CONTAINED NO LISTING FOR A [] NO
LISTING FOR A [] INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO
DETERMINE PRESENT ADDRESS OF []

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RESIDENCE OF USA, EDNC, CONTACTED FOR PRESENTATION OF THIS
MATTER. USA MC NAMARA AND HIS ASSISTANT OUT OF TOWN FOR EASTER
WEEKEND. USA WILL BE CONTACTED UPON HIS RETURN FOR PROSECUTIVE
OPINION IN THIS MATTER.

[] COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT [] NC, DOES NOT
MAINTAIN ARREST RECORDS WHICH ARE KEPT BY CLERK OF SUPERIOR
COURT. OFFICE OF CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT CLOSED UNTIL
APRIL 16, 1974, DUE TO EASTER HOLIDAY.

CHARLOTTE, AT [] NC, WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [] WILL PRESENT THIS MATTER
TO USA WHEN AVAILABLE
END

GHS FBIHQ ACK FOR ONE AND CLR

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

DATE: 4 '15 '74

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-new)

SUBJECT: UNSUB. aka. [redacted]

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: CHARLOTTE

Re Los Angeles teletype dated 4/12/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original envelope and letter received by victim, plus xerox copy of the front and back of the envelope and a copy of the letter, as described hereinafter.

Enclosed for assistance of Charlotte are two copies of the front and back of the envelope and two copies of the letter.

Envelope postmarked "U. S. POSTAL SERVICE NC 285 PM 8 APR 1974" with handprinted address "TONIGHT SHOW NBC STUDIO HOLLYWOOD CALIF." with handprinted return address [redacted] N.C."

Accompanying sheet of salmon colored paper, bearing message consisting of words and numbers clipped from some type of publication, reading "IF JOHNNY CARSON DON'T SEND ME 25 000 TO [redacted] I WILL KILL HIM [redacted] N.C."

Letter and envelope were made available on 4 '12 '74, by [redacted] California, who advised SA [redacted] as follows:

One of his clients is JOHNNY CARSON, host of the NBC television program "The Tonight Show." On 4 '11 '74, he had dinner with victim who furnished him the envelope and letter and who advised as follows:

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 5) (RM)
- 2 - Charlotte (Encls. 6)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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COPY & SPECIMENS RETURNED TO LAB
FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT



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The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Television Network, 3000 West Alameda, Burbank, California, has a "Guest Relations Department" that receives all mail addressed to persons who appear on any television program. On 4/11/74, the previously described envelope and accompanying letter were received in the department, opened and retained for victim until he arrived at the studio on that date. The letter had been opened by someone in the Guest Relations Department and victim did not know how many persons might have handled the envelope and letter.

Victim furnished the items to [] on 4/11/74, and requested they be turned over to the FBI. [] said victim had never received similar letters from [] that [] was unknown to him and that victim had no suspects. [] was advised that if victim desired protection, he should so notify his local police department. [] stated victim resides at 400 St. Cloud Road, Bel Air, California, and resides within the West Los Angeles Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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[] was advised the matter would be presented to the United States Attorney for a prosecutive opinion and that [] would be advised of the opinion. [] advised that victim was not particularly upset by the letter but believed the FBI should be aware of the situation.

[] described victim as white, male, age 48 years, 5'11", 160 pounds, gray hair, blue eyes, Social Security Account Number 508-14-8695.

On 4/12/74, Watch Commander Sergeant [] West Los Angeles Division, Los Angeles Police Department, was advised of the contents of the letter received by victim. Burbank, California Police Department also advised.
REQUEST OF THE LABORATORY

Laboratory is requested to search items through Anonymous Letter File and to process them for indented writing. Envelope and letter should be processed for latent prints of

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value. Upon completion of examinations, items should be returned to Los Angeles and copies of the results of the examinations should be furnished to Charlotte.

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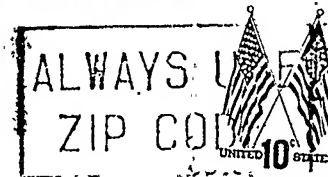
CHARLOTTE

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. Present to appropriate U. S. Attorney for prosecutive opinion and advise the Bureau and Los Angeles.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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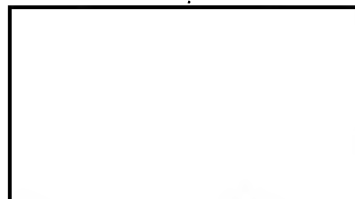
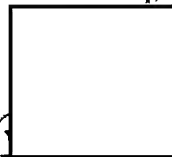


Tonight SHOW
NBC Studio
HOLLYWOOD Calif

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If JOHNNY CARSON don't Send me 25 000 to

// will Kill him



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded 4/23/74 vpp

NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

Unsub. aka

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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OO: Charlotte

Examination requested by:

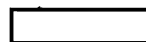
FBI, Los Angeles (9-nw) 4/15/74

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 4/19/74



Handwritten notes:
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- Q1 Envelope bearing postmark "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM 8 APR 1974" bearing hand printed address "Tonight Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif"
- Q2 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out words and letters beginning "If Johnny Carson don't..."

Return evid

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **SAC, Los Angeles (9-new)**

Date: **May 1, 1974**

From: **Director, FBI**

Re: **Unsub, aka**

**JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**

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FBI File No.

9-57519-4

Lab. No.

D-740422095 IK

EX-106

OO: CHARLOTTE

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Letter dated 4/15/74**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 will be treated for latent fingerprints. The result of that examination and the disposition of these documents will be furnished by a separate report.

The Anonymous Letter File does not contain copies of documents prepared in the manner of specimen Q2.

MAILED 7

MAY 1 1974

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**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Charlotte Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

WSO:jh
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MAIL ROOM ☐

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Handwritten signatures and initials
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WSO: [initials]

**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-new)****Date: May 1, 1974****Re: Unsub. aka****FBI File No.****Lab. No.****D-740422095 IK****JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**b6
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Specimens received

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- Q1 Envelope bearing postmark "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM
8 APR 1974," bearing hand printed address "Tonight Show
NBC Studio Hollywood Calif"**
- Q2 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out words and letters
beginning "If Johnny Carson don't..."**

Result of examination:

The writing on specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate section of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. A representative copy will be added to the file for future reference.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 contain no indented writing, watermark, or other feature through which their immediate source might be ascertained.

The stamp on specimen Q1 was found to have been derived from a sheet of stamps.

Photographs of specimens Q1 and Q2 have been retained.

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 Recorded 4/23/74 vpp UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Unsub, aka

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

LATENT

File # 9-57519-4
 Lab. # D-740422095 IK

OO: Charlotte

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (9-new) L. 4/15/74

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 4/19/74

Result of Examination:

Examination by [redacted] 4/30/74 WSO

- 1 - Lat on Q₁ searched thru opping set of the ATF without effecting an ident. addit.
- 2 - Q₁ + Q₂ contain no indented int, wrm, or other features from which immed. source could be ascertained.
- 3 - The stamp on spec Q₁ was found to have been derived from a sheet of stamps.
- 4 - Keep photos of Q₁ + Q₂

TF - Q₁ + Q₂ to LFPs. Result + desps HPThe ATF contains no doc prep in the manner of Q₂.

Q1 Envelope bearing postmark "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM 8 APR 1974" bearing hand printed address "Tonight Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif"

Q2 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out words and letters beginning "If Johnny Carson don't..."

2-Charlotte

Return evid

Lab report
 5-1-74
 WSO/JS

No ident A L F. Sequenced
 hp lower case hater & profit
 Calif, Ga, N.C., S.C., Tenn & Va
 4/23/74 UDD

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Q1 - White envelope measuring 9.51" x 4.15" x 0.0042"
9.48" x 4.12" x 0.0043"

10¢ stamp from sheet. No watermark or indented writing noted.

Q2 - Sheet of orange paper measuring 6.0" x 7.99" x 0.0040"
6.0" x 7.98" x 0.0040"

No watermark or indented writing noted. Traces of glue noted around cut-out words and letters.

(5) Enclosures to BUREAU
with Los Angeles report letter
4/15/74 described as:

Envelope and letter original and xerox copies

UNSUB, aka. [redacted] etal

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EVIDENCE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.



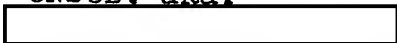
ENCLOSURE

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David R. ...
LC # A 89075
5-1-74

UNSUB. aka.



JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

00: CHARLOTTE

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4/12/74
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V.C.

The Tonight Show
NBC STUDIO
HOLLYWOOD calif 90028

RUE
5/8/74

9-57519 IK K1

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NC.

if JOHNNY carson don't send me 50,000

I will Kill him in \$100 Bill

THANK you

PS I have NOTHING To LOSE

MURDER by proxy .

PS I will Be in Hollywood To CARRY OUT The

THREAT in A few months if The money
is not sent



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Tonight SHOW
NBC STUDIO
HOLLYWOOD Calif

D-740422095 Q1 IK

REC-IVED
GUEST RELATIONS DEPT.

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If JOHNNY CARSON don't Send me. : 25' 000' to

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/ will Kill him



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D-740422095 Q2 IK



ALWAYS USE
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Tonight Show
NBC STUDIO
HOLLYWOOD CALIF

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9-57519 Q3 IK

if JOHNNY CARSON don't send me \$50,000 dollars
I will kill him in \$100 Bills

THANK YOU

Send To



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PS I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE
MURDER by proxy

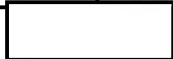
PS I will Be in Hollywood
TO CARRY OUT THE THREAT
in A few months if the money
is NOT sent

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Johnny CARSON
NBC STUDIO
HOLLYWOOD CA
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9-57519 IK Q7

IF JOHNNY CARSON don't send me \$50.000 dollars
I will Kill him in 100 Bills
THANK YOU

Send To

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] N.C.

PS I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE
MURDER by PROXY

PS I will Be in HOLLYWOOD
TO CARRY OUT THE THREAT in a few
months if the MONEY is NOT SENT

PS how is [REDACTED]
I'M A HOMICIDAL MANIAC

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if Johnny CARSON don'T send me \$6000 dollars
I will Kill him

in \$100 Bills

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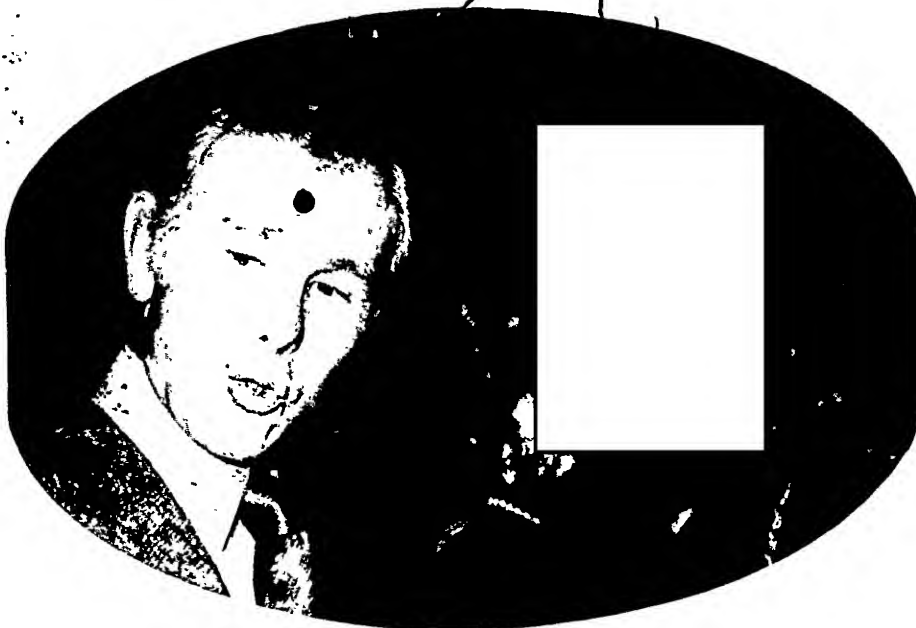


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ps I AM NOT Kidding!

bullets -- July - 4 1976



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'IT WAS THIS WAY, WARDEN...'

by Ferris Weddle

How Many "Strange Targets" Will Be Hit As This Year's Hunting Season Gets Under Way?

In these days of high meat prices it's really time to worry when investigators find hunters who say, "I'm not sure what it is — but it looks edible."

I must admit that most hunting and fishing stories, whether told around a campfire or elsewhere, bore me with their monotony. But when it comes to some of the excuses violators tell conservation officers or game wardens, the tales and action can be vastly illuminating of human nature.

On a routine field check, a Texas

game warden complimented a hunter on an exceptionally fine buck. Idly, the officer touched the antlers — which moved. A bit of investigation revealed the hunter had tied the antlers to a spike buck that wasn't legal game.

There was the eastern hunter who believed in duck hunting the easy way, and without the use of a shotgun. He soaked corn in whiskey, spread the bait on an iced-over lake, and waited until the ducks were "high." Then he had his bird dog retrieve the fowl. The warden didn't think it was amusing, nor did the judge.

A bird dog figured in a New Mexico case, too. A Conservation Officer (CO) checked a bird hunter who appeared nervous. Everything seemed all right until the CO's dog made a perfect point on the hunter's spare tire — which concealed eight quail over the allowed limit.

A California hunter was allowed to keep his bird, however. The CO examined the man's plucked, dark skinned, lean bird and asked, puzzled,

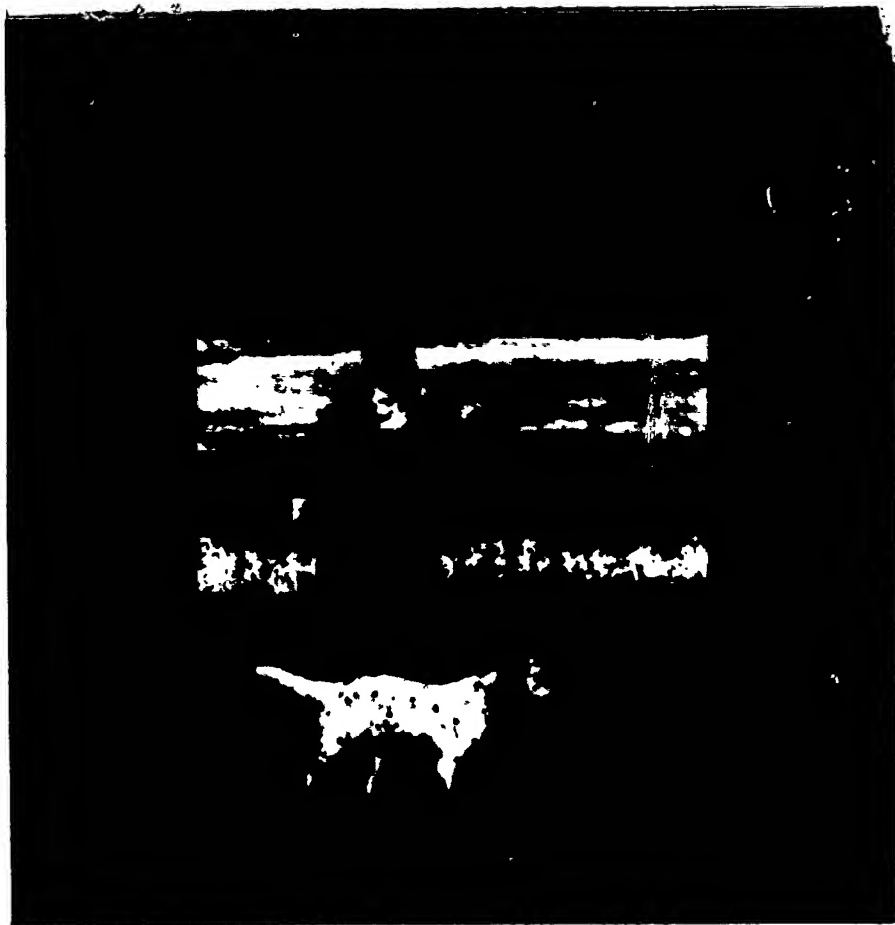
"After killing this, why'd you bother to pluck it?"

The hunter admitted, "I'm not sure what it is, but it looks edible."

The CO handed the prey back, grinned, and said, "Well, happy eating, although most folks don't care for turkey vultures."

It's amazing how many amateur would-be hunters don't know the identification of the mammals and birds they shoot. We had a case last hunting season in Idaho when a tenderfoot non-resident hunter checked out an animal he thought was a mule deer. A part of the name was right. The animal was a mule colt.

This hunting season, there is likely to be a great many cases of "mistaken identity" — especially involving deer and elk with white faces or all-black big game that is otherwise known as "Angus livestock." One can only wonder how many domestic chickens will be mistaken for pheasant and assorted other wild birds.



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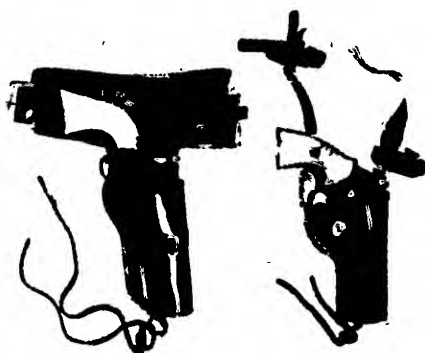
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)**

Date: **May 20, 1974**

From: **Director, FBI**

Re: **Unsub. aka**

**JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**

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FBI File No. **9-57519** 5

Lab. No. **D-740507006 IX**

OO: CHARLOTTE

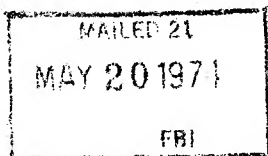
Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel dated 5/1/74**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

Specimens Q3 and Q4 will be treated for latent fingerprints. The result of that examination and the disposition of these documents will be furnished by a separate report.



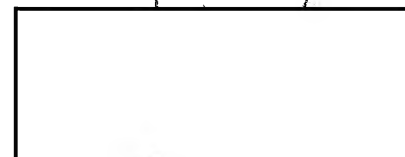
**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Charlotte Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To:

SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)

Date:

May 20, 1974

Re:

Unsub, aka

FBI File No.

9-57519

Lab. No.

D-740507006 IK**JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**b6
b7C

Specimens received

5/6/74

- Q3 Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM
24 APR 1974," bearing hand printed address "Tonight
Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif 90028"**
- Q4 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning "if Johnny
Carson don't..." ending "... is not sent"**

Result of examination:

**Characteristics in the hand printing on specimens
Q3 and Q4 indicate that these documents were probably prepared
by the writer of the hand printing on specimen Q1.**

**Specimens Q3 and Q4 contain no indented writing
or other feature through which their immediate source might
be ascertained.**

**Photographs of specimens Q3 and Q4 have been
retained.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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5/8/74 vpp

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Re: Unsub, aka

File # 9-57519 - 5
Lab.# D-740507006 IK

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JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

LATENT

OO: Charlotte

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (9-5309) A. 5/1/74

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 5/6/74

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

- 1 - Check in the HP on Q3 & Q4 indicate that these docs were prob prep by the writer of HP on Q1.
- 2 - Q3 & Q4 contain no indented or other marks - the white unlined sources must be ascertained.
- 3 - Keep photos of Q3 & Q4.
- 4 - Q3 & Q4 to LFP5 - Result & design exp

Q3 Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM 24 APR 1974" bearing hand printed address "Tonight Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif 90028"

Q4 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning "if Johnny Carson don't..." ending "...is not sent"

Return evid

2 cc - Charlotte

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Q3 - White envelope measuring 5.20" x 4.18" x 0.0040"
5.19" x 4.20" x 0.0040"

10¢ stamp from coil. No watermark or indented writing noted.

Q4 - Portion of a sheet of white paper - cut from larger sheet - note top and left edges. Lower right corner rounded.

Paper measures 6.97" x 8.62" x 0.0030"

7.06" x 8.60" x 0.0030"

Ruled with 25 blue horizontal lines. Space between lines

0.34" - ten spaces measure 3.43"

No watermark or indented writing noted.

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Date: 5/1/74

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-5309)(P)

RE: UNSUB. aka..
[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: CHARLOTTE

9-57519-2
Re Charlotte tel to Bureau dated 4/15/74.

The original of the following items and a xerox copy of each are enclosed for the Bureau:

Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. NC 285 PM 24 APR 1974" with handprinted address "Tonight Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif 90028" and handprinted return address [REDACTED] N.C."

Accompanying one page letter with handprinted message reading "IF JOHNNY CARSON DON'T SEND ME \$50.000 DOLLARS I WILL KILL HIM IN \$100 BILLS THANK YOU SEND TO [REDACTED] N.C. PS I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE MURDER BY PROXY PS I WILL BE IN HOLLYWOOD TO CARRY OUT THE THREAT IN A FEW MONTHS IF THE MONEY IS NOT SENT."

Two xerox copies of the envelope and letter are enclosed for the assistance of Charlotte.

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 4)(RM)
- 2 - Charlotte (Encls. 4)(9-2547)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

U.S. Government Printing Office: 1972-574

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COPY & RETENTION INFORMATION IN LAB
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9-57519-5

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RECEIVED

FBI

LA 9-5309

Items obtained 4/30/74, from [redacted] California, who is CARSON's [redacted]. The letter was received at NBC Studio, Burbank, California, on 4/29/74.

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On 4/29/74, [redacted] CARSON's [redacted] advised SA [redacted] the envelope was received by the NBC Mailroom and then forwarded to CARSON's mailroom where it was opened by one of the several persons and it eventually came to her desk whereupon she gave it to CARSON. She reviewed her files and said she had no record of any correspondence with [redacted], North Carolina.

[redacted] were advised to inform local police agencies of the contents of the letter if they desired protection for CARSON.

On 4/30/74, Lieutenant [redacted] Police Department, Burbank, California, which covers NBC Studio, was advised of the latest letter received by CARSON, as was Lieutenant [redacted] Robbery - Homicide, Los Angeles Police Department, which covers victim's residence.

REQUEST OF THE LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to process items for latent prints and indented writing. Compare enclosures with items previously submitted to determine if prepared by the same person. Copies of results of examinations should be furnished to Charlotte and Los Angeles.

LEAD

CHARLOTTE

AT [redacted] NORTH CAROLINA. Recontact [redacted] North Carolina, concerning latest letter to victim and attempt to obtain handprinting specimens and fingerprints of [redacted]

if JOHNNY CARSON don't send me 50,000 dollars
I will kill him in \$100 Bills
THANK YOU

Send To

[Redacted Address Box]
[Redacted Address Box]

N.C.

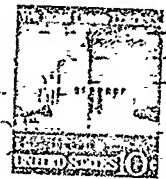
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PS I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE
MURDER by proxy

PS I will Be in Hollywood
TO CARRY OUT The THREAT
in A few months if The money
is NOT sent



ALWAYS USE
ZIP CODE



Tonight Show
NBC STUDIO
HOLLYWOOD CALIF
90028

9-57519-5

ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: Harsh, aka

File # 7-57519 ⁵
Lab.# D-740507006 IK

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JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
MURDER

LATENT

Q3: Harsh, aka

Examination requested by:

FBI, Los Angeles (9-5309) A. 5/1/74

Examination requested:

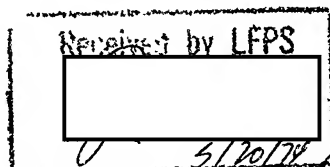
Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 5/6/74

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Spec is returned to Los Angeles by L.A. 5/31/74
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- Q3 Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NO 285 PM 24 APR 1974" bearing hand printed address "Tonight Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif 90028"
- Q4 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning "If Johnny Carson don't..." ending "...is not sent"

Return evid.
cc - Charlotte



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **SAC, Charlotte (9-2547)**

Date: **May 20, 1974**

From: **Director, FBI**

Re: **UNSUB. aka**

**JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**

EX-105

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FBI File No. **9-57519**

Lab. No. **D-743513046 IK**

OO: CHARLOTTE

Examination requested by: **Charlotte**

Reference: **Airtel dated 5/9/74**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be separately advised regarding the requested
fingerprint comparisons and the disposition of the Also Submitted
item.**

**Enclosures (3) (K1, 2 Lab report)
1 - Los Angeles (9-5309) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Norfolk Enclosure (Lab report)**

WFO: Jh
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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **SAC, Charlotte (9-2547)**

Date:

FBI File No.

May 20, 1974

Re: **UNSUB. aka**
[redacted]

Lab. No.

9-57519**D-740513046 IK**

**JOHNNY CARBON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**

Specimens received

5/13/74

K1 Sheet of paper and envelope bearing known hand printing of
[redacted]

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [redacted]

Result of examination:

**The hand printing on specimens Q1, Q3, and Q4 was
determined to have been prepared by [redacted] the
writer of specimen K1.**

**Specimen K1 is returned herewith. Photographs have
been retained.**

**WSO:jh
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: UNSUB, aka.;

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

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OO: CHARLOTTE

Examination requested by: SAC, CHARLOTTE (9-2547)

Airtel 5/9/74

Examination requested: DOCUMENT - FINGERPRINT

Date received: 5/13/74

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

5/17/74
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- 1 - HP on Q1, Q3 + Q4 ident K1
- 2 - Return K1 - keep photos

and envelope

K1 Sheet of paper/bearing known hand printing of [redacted]

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Fingerprint card of [redacted]

- 1 - Los Angeles (9-5309)
- 1 - Norfolk

Lab. # 5-25-74
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I will kill him in 100 Bills
THANK YOU

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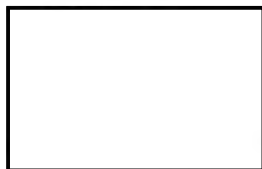


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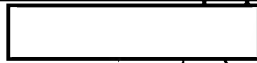
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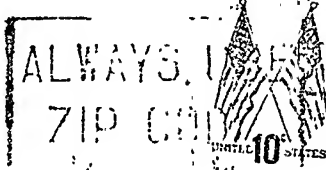
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Date: 5/9/74

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI, LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (9-2547) (P)

UNSUB, aka.: [REDACTED]

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION [REDACTED]

(OO: CHARLOTTE)

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740513046

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 4/15/74 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 5/1/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following:

1. Fingerprint impressions of [REDACTED]
2. Envelope bearing handwriting samples of [REDACTED]
3. One sheet white bond paper bearing handwriting samples of [REDACTED]

Above items were obtained 5/8/74 from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] N. C.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls - 3) (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (9-5309)
2 - Norfolk
2 - Charlotte

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14 MAY 11 1974Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

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For the information of Norfolk, victim, host of the NBC Television program "The Tonight Show", received two letters on 4/11/74 and 4/29/74 which demanded that \$25,000 or \$50,000 be sent to [redacted]

[redacted] N. C., or otherwise CARSON would be killed.

Envelopes containing letters bore return address of [redacted]
[redacted] N. C.

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During interview, 5/8/74, [redacted] again denied any knowledge of either of the two letters previously forwarded to the Laboratory by the Los Angeles Division, however, [redacted] finally admitted he "reckoned" he wrote the two letters and mentioned a third letter as well. [redacted] then advised he was forced to write letters and after a long period of thought stated as follows:

While in Norfolk, Va., about a month or so ago he was accosted by two white males on the 7th floor of the Fairfax Hotel, Norfolk, Va. He was taken to his room and forced to write three letters to CARSON. [redacted] stated he did not know the men, had never seen them before or since nor did they make any arrangements as to what they would do to obtain any money sent to [redacted] by CARSON. [redacted] denied mailing the letters, stating he did not know when or by whom they were mailed. [redacted] could only provide vague descriptions of the two men, stating they were in their [redacted] both about 6 feet, medium build, brown hair, and wearing sport clothes.

He further stated they provided paper and envelopes and threatened to beat him if he did not write the letters.

[redacted] was advised this story was not very believable whereafter he hesitated and thought for about five minutes and finally stated that he would leave the story as it stands.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)C
CE 9-2547

[redacted] advised he travels fairly often to Norfolk, Va., usually staying at the Atlantic Hotel, but on this occasion stayed at the Fairfax Hotel. [redacted] is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[redacted]
POB:	[redacted], N. C.
Height:	6'
Weight:	240 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Residence:	Resides with [redacted] [redacted] in [redacted] N. C.
Education:	7th grade

According to [redacted] is retarded and apparently has severe emotional problems and is being treated at [redacted] a mental health center in [redacted] N. C. She stated further he has been evaluated at [redacted] N. C., a state mental hospital, as well as [redacted] N. C.

[redacted] declined to sign authority to release medical information form on 5/8/74 stating that his medical records would not show anything. [redacted] has had prior arrest in [redacted] N. C., in 1968 for Destruction of Personal Property, which case was not pressed.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

Will compare submitted handwriting samples with letters submitted by Los Angeles Division to determine if

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

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these letters prepared by [] Any latent prints developed should be compared with enclosed prints of [] Will furnish results of examination to Los Angeles and Charlotte Divisions.

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b7cLEADS:LOS ANGELES:AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

Will alert NBC Studio of apparent third letter written by [] and submit to the Laboratory if received.

NORFOLK:AT NORFOLK, VA.

Will review records at Fairfax Hotel to determine if [] was guest at that hotel.

Will conduct logical criminal checks regarding []

CHARLOTTE:AT [] N. C.

Will contact appropriate AUSA and attempt to obtain subpoena for [] medical records for pertinent information regarding []

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re:

UNSUB, aka. [redacted]

File #

Lab. #

9-57419
9-742413046 IN

JOHNNY GARNON - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING

OO: CHARLOTTE

Examination requested by:

SAC, CHARLOTTE (9-2847)

Airtel 5/9/74

Examination requested:

DOCUMENT - FINGERPRINT

Date received: 5/13/74

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

*Advise Charlotte concerning disposition of
the also sub. items*

*Expts returned to Charlotte by LFPS
5/31/74
CFP*

Handled by LFPS

and envelope

11 Sheet of paper bearing latent prints of [redacted]

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Fingerprint card of [redacted]

*Returned by
Doc. Section
5/31/74*

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MAY 16 1974



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. **A-89075****May 9, 1974**TO: **SAC, Los Angeles**RE: **UNSUB. AKA**
**JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

REFERENCE:

Letter 4-15-74

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

Los Angeles

SPECIMENS:

The requested latent print examination is
being conducted and you will be advised of the results
upon completion.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)**

Date: **June 5, 1974**

From: **Director, FBI**

Re: aka

**JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**

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FBI File No. **9-57519** *8*

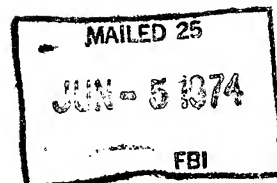
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OO: CHARLOTTE
Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel dated 5/17/74**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:



**Enclosures (4) (95, 96, 2 Lab report)
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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To:

Re: **SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)**

Date:

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Lab. No.

June 5, 1974**9-57519****D-740524003 IX**b6
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[Redacted] aka
**JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**

Specimens received

5/23/74

**Q5 Envelope postmarked "U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM
4 MAY 1974," bearing the hand printed address "JOHNNY
CARSON NBC Network Hollywood Calif 90028"**

**Q6 Accompanying sheet of ruled paper bearing the hand printed
letter beginning "If JOHNNY CARSON DON'T SEND ME..."**

Result of examination:

**The hand printing on specimens Q5 and Q6 was deter-
mined to have been prepared by [Redacted] the writer
of specimen K1.**

**The writings of specimens Q5 and Q6 are returned
herewith. Photographs have been retained.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

[Redacted]

aka

File # 9-57519 - 8

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JOSNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: Charlotte

Examination requested by: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-5309) Airtel 5/17/74

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 5/23/74

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

[Redacted]

1. NP m Q5 + Q6 ident to

[Redacted]

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2. Return Q5 + Q6 - keep photo.

Q5 Envelope postmarked "U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM
4 MAY 1974," bearing the hand printed address "JOHNNY
CARSON NBC Network Hollywood Calif 90028"

Q6 Accompanying sheet of ruled paper bearing the hand printed
letter beginning "If JOHNNY CARSON DON'T SEND ME ..."

2 - Charlotte (9-2547)

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Date: 5/17/74

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)b6
b7CTO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-5309) (P)

RE: CHANGED
[redacted] aka
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: Charlotte

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Title is marked changed to delete unknown subject
and add [redacted] also known as [redacted] as
the subject inasmuch as [redacted] admitted writing the three
letters to the victim.

Re Charlotte airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/9/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one
zerox copy of each of the following items for the FBI Lab-
oratory:

(1) Envelope postmarked "U. S. POSTAL SERVICE.
NC 285 PM 4 MAY 1974" with handprinted address "JOHNNY
CARSON NBC NETWORK HOLLYWOOD CALIF 90028" and hand-
printed return address [redacted]
[redacted] N. C. [redacted]

(2) Accompanying sheet of paper with handprinted
message commencing "IF JOHNNY CARSON DON'T....."

3 - Bureau (Enc. 4) ENCLOSURE
2 - Charlotte (Enc. 4) (9-2547)
2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Copy and Specimens retained in Lab
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Enclosed for the information of Charlotte are two zerox copies each of the above envelope and letter.

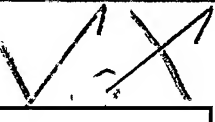
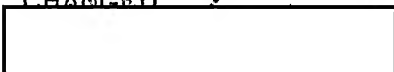
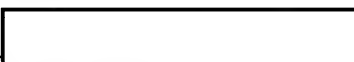
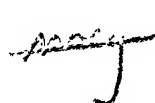
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

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU


The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare enclosures with items previously submitted to determine if prepared by the same person. Upon completion of examination, enclosures should be returned to Los Angeles. Copies of results of examination should be furnished to Charlotte and Los Angeles.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHARLOTTE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHARLOTTE	DATE 5/21/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/12/74 - 5/10/74
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		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION 	


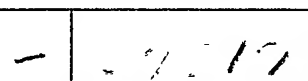

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 as subject and to add alias of 


REFERENCES: Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 4/12/74.
 Charlotte teletype to Bureau dated 4/13/74.
 Charlotte nitel to Bureau dated 4/15/74.
 Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 4/15/74.
 Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 5/1/74.
 Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 5/1/74.
 Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/74.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report being submitted at this time at the request of AUSA [] Eastern District of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina, who stated he wished to review the matter while awaiting results of laboratory comparison of [] handwriting and prints with letter submitted by Los Angeles, after which time he would make a determination as to prosecutive merits of this matter.

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LEADS:

NORFOLK

AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Will review records at Fairfax Hotel to determine if [] was guest at that hotel.

Conduct logical criminal checks re []

LOS ANGELES

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Will alert NBC Studio of apparent third letter written by [] and submit to Laboratory if received.

CHARLOTTE

AT [] NORTH CAROLINA

Will maintain contact with AUSA re this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Raleigh, N. C.

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: CHARLOTTE

Date:

MAY 21, 1974

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Field Office File #:

9-2547

Bureau File #:

Title:

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Attorney for JOHNNY CARSON, host of NBC Tonight Show, advised 4/12/74, of receipt of letter 4/11/74, by CARSON at Hollywood, California, demanding \$25,000 or writer would kill CARSON. Letter instructed that money should be sent to [REDACTED] N. C., and envelope bore return address of [REDACTED] N. C. [REDACTED] N. C., determined to be held by [REDACTED] City Directory reflects [REDACTED] resides [REDACTED] N. C.. and listed [REDACTED] as resident at that address. [REDACTED] interviewed 4/15/74, and denied knowledge of letter or [REDACTED] A second letter demanding \$50,000 from CARSON and threatening his life was received 4/29/74. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] is retarded and emotionally disturbed and receiving treatment at [REDACTED] N. C. [REDACTED] reinterviewed 5/8/74, and admitted writing three letters demanding money from CARSON and threatening his life and stated he was forced to write the letters by two men while staying at the Fairfax Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia. AUSA, Raleigh, N. C., advised he desired to withhold prosecutive opinion re this matter pending results of Laboratory investigation and further review of this matter.

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DETAILS:

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA

By communication dated April 12, 1974, the Los Angeles Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised as follows:

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[redacted] California, advised April 12, 1974, he was [redacted] for JOHNNY CARSON, host of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) "Tonight Show" originating from NBC at Burbank, California. He made available a letter postmarked "U. S. Postal Service, NC285, PM, 8 April, 1974" with handprinted address "Tonight Show, NBC Studio, Hollywood, California" and handwritten return address [redacted] N. C." Enclosed in the envelope was a salmon colored sheet of paper with message of words cut from magazines or newspapers as "if Johnny Carson don't send me \$25,000 to [redacted] I will kill him. [redacted] N. C."

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[redacted] advised that CARSON received the above described letter on April 11, 1974, and requested that he contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is unknown to CARSON and he had no logical suspects as to who might have written the letter.

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The following investigation was conducted at New Bern, North Carolina, by Special Agent [redacted]

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On April 15, 1974, [redacted] Customer Services at the [redacted] North Carolina, Post Office, advised that the postal box application on file for [redacted] Post Office shows the patron to be [redacted] residing at [redacted] North Carolina. This application is dated October 31, 1962. [redacted] advised that a review of his records reveals no forwarding address for [redacted] advised that he contacted [redacted] Branch of the [redacted] Post Office, which is located on [redacted] and determined that [redacted] is located next to the [redacted] Post Office and further determined that a family named [redacted] resides at [redacted] [redacted] and that no one named [redacted] resides at that address.

A review of the [redacted] Directory for [redacted] North Carolina, reveals that, according to that directory, the following persons reside at [redacted]

[redacted]
they have telephone number [redacted] Employment shown for the above persons is that [redacted] is retired. [redacted] is shown to be employed as an [redacted] and no employment is shown for [redacted]

On April 15, 1974, Captain [redacted] Investigative Division, [redacted] North Carolina, Police Department, advised that a review of his records reflected no mention of [redacted]

A review of the records of the [redacted] County Superior Clerk of Court's Office, on April 16, 1974, reflects that in File Number [redacted] [redacted] was charged on a warrant filed by [redacted] with destroying personal property,

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namely, a Christmas tree and the ornaments thereon, having a value of \$6. It is noted that this warrant was not proessed with leave of court on February 24, 1969.

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Date of transcription April 26, 1974

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[redacted] was contacted at his place of residence, [redacted] North Carolina. [redacted] was immediately advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, namely that it concerned a possible violation of the Federal Extortion Statutes.

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[redacted] advised that he had no knowledge whatsoever of a letter mailed to JOHNNY CARSON of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Tonight Show, which contained a threat against CARSON. [redacted] advised that he has never written any letters to JOHNNY CARSON or the Tonight Show, nor has he made any threats of any type against CARSON or any other person.

[redacted] advised that he and his family are the patrons of [redacted] North Carolina, and stated that to the best of his knowledge only he and the immediate members of his family have access to that post office box, which is opened by a key. [redacted] further advised that the name [redacted] is unknown to him.

[redacted] advised that he could provide no information concerning this matter.

The following information was obtained by observation and interview:

Name:	[redacted]
Nickname:	[redacted]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	[redacted]
	[redacted] North Carolina
Height:	6'

Interviewed on 4/15/74 at [redacted] H. C. File # CE 9-2547

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/19/74

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Weight: 240 pounds
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Build: Heavy
Complexion: Medium
Scars or
Tattoos: None noticeable
Address: [redacted]
[redacted] North Carolina
Employment: Unemployed
Could not remember last
employment; stated he does
janitorial work
Education: Seventh grade
Military
Service: None
Social Security
Number: [redacted]
Driver's License
Number: None
Vehicles: None
Marital Status: Single
Children: None
Relatives:
Father: [redacted]
Mother: [redacted]
Both residing at [redacted]
[redacted]
North Carolina
Brother: [redacted]
[redacted] North Carolina
Brother: [redacted] North
Carolina
Brother: [redacted]
[redacted] North Carolina
Prior Arrests: [redacted] admitted a prior arrest
in 1968 in [redacted] for disturbing
the peace.

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[redacted] advised that he resides at [redacted]
[redacted] who is retired, [redacted]
[redacted] who is employed by the
[redacted]

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Date of transcription May 3, 19741

[redacted] was contacted at [redacted] in an effort to contact [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. She provided the following voluntary information:

She advised [redacted] was presently asleep and she did not desire to wake him. She advised [redacted] is mentally retarded and quite disturbed emotionally and has been treated and is currently being treated for his condition. She stated he had been treated at both [redacted] North Carolina, and [redacted] at [redacted] North Carolina, for his mental problems. She advised she did not know the exact nature of his mental problem, but stated that [redacted] is retarded, is emotionally disturbed, has often mentioned committing suicide and occasionally displays lapse of memory, some hostility, and irrational behavior.

[redacted] advised concerning the matter of a threatening letter addressed to JOHNNY CARSON of the "Tonight" show, that she did not know anything about the writing of the letter. She advised that [redacted] often stays up late at night watching television and has mentioned that he likes JOHNNY CARSON and apparently does watch the show often. She advised she has never heard [redacted] mention CARSON much or express any hostility toward CARSON. She reiterated she did not know if [redacted] had written a threatening letter, but stated that, in her opinion, it was possible he could write such a letter and not be able to remember it later.

[redacted] advised she does not have any salmon-colored stationery, nor does she know of any in the house or where [redacted] might have access to any such stationery. She advised [redacted] does not work and stays at home almost all of the time.

[redacted] advised she would contact the writer later and make [redacted] available for fingerprinting and handwriting samples.

Interviewed on 4/30/74 at [redacted] N. C. File # CE 9-2547

by SA [redacted] kmc Date dictated 5/2/74

**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535****To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-new)****Date: May 1, 1974****Re: Unsub, aka****FBI File No.****Lab. No.****D-740422035 IK****JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**b6
b7C**Specimens received 4/19/74**

- Q1 Envelope bearing postmark "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM
8 APR 1974," bearing hand printed address "Tonight Show
NBC Studio Hollywood Calif"**
- Q2 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out words and letters
beginning "If Johnny Carson don't..."**

Result of examination:

The writing on specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate section of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. A representative copy will be added to the file for future reference.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 contain no indented writing, watermark, or other feature through which their immediate source might be ascertained.

The stamp on specimen Q1 was found to have been derived from a sheet of stamps.

Photographs of specimens Q1 and Q2 have been retained.

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By communication dated May 1, 1974, the Los Angeles Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised as follows:

JOHNNY CARSON'S [REDACTED] California, provided an envelope and letter as described below:

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Envelope postmarked "U. S. Postal Service, NC285, P.M., 24 April 1974", with handprinted address "Tonight Show, NBC Studio, Hollywood, California 90028" and handprinted return address [REDACTED] N. C."

A one page letter with handprinted message reading, "If Johnny Carson don't send me \$50,000, I will kill him, in \$100 bills. Thank you. Send to [REDACTED], N. C. P. S. I have nothing to lose, Murder by proxy. P.S. I will be in Hollywood to carry out the threat in a few months if the money is not sent."

The above items were received on April 30, 1974, from [REDACTED] CARSON'S [REDACTED] who stated that the letter was received at the NBC Studio in Burbank, California, on April 29, 1974.

On April 29, 1974, [REDACTED] CARSON'S [REDACTED], advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that the envelope was received by the NBC Mail Room and forwarded to CARSON'S mail room where it was opened by one of several persons working there and it eventually came to her desk where upon she gave it to CARSON. She reviewed her files and stated she had no record of any correspondence with [REDACTED] North Carolina.

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence, [redacted] and advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and that they wished him to accompany them to the [redacted] Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI) in order to fingerprint him and obtain handwriting samples. [redacted] advised he had no objections and voluntarily accompanied the agents.

After arrival at the [redacted] Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, [redacted] was warned of his rights and he waived them as shown on an Executed Warning and Waiver Form and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised he had no knowledge of either of two letters received at NBC Studio, Hollywood, California, addressed to JOHNNY CARSON threatening to kill him unless a sum of money was sent to [redacted] North Carolina.

[redacted] was fingerprinted by SA [redacted] and thereafter was furnished a sheet of white bond paper and requested to furnish samples of his handwriting which he voluntarily did. While furnishing the handwriting samples [redacted] advised that he did not write very much and had difficulty in spelling words and the material which [redacted] wrote was dictated to him by the interviewing agents. [redacted] was also furnished a plain white envelope on which he wrote his return address and addressed the envelope to JOHNNY CARSON, NBC Studio, Hollywood, California, 90028. These items were retained and marked for identification.

After furnishing the handwriting samples, [redacted] was again asked if he had any knowledge of the threatening letters written to JOHNNY CARSON and after several minutes of hesitation he advised that he "reckoned" that he wrote the letters, but a few moments later stated that he was forced to write the letters.

[redacted] was asked for clarification of this statement and after several minutes hesitation he stated that about a month

Interviewed on 5/8/74 at [redacted] N. C. File # CE 9-2547
by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] RME/lhh Date dictated 5/8/74

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or so ago while in Norfolk, Virginia, staying at the Fairfax Hotel he was met by two white males on the 7th floor of the hotel where his room was located. He advised that these men went with him to his room and there forced him to write three letters threatening to kill JOHNNY CARSON if money was not sent to him at [redacted] North Carolina.

[redacted] advised that he has never seen these men before this incident nor since this incident, stated further that they did not give any indication as to why they picked him to write the letters or as to any arrangements they might make to obtain any money received by [redacted] from JOHNNY CARSON. [redacted] advised these two men furnished him with the paper and the envelope and when it was pointed out to him that one of the letters consisted of words cut out of a newspaper or a magazine pasted to a sheet of paper he then stated that they also furnished him with the words to be pasted on the paper, stated that they had the words with them and they were already cut out.

[redacted] further advised that these men threatened to beat him up if he did not write the letters.

ROLISON described these two men as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Both in their 20s
Height:	Both 6 feet
Hair:	Both has brown hair,
Build:	Medium
Wearing Apparel:	Wearing sport clothes

[redacted] advised that he travelled to Norfolk, Virginia, by bus from [redacted] North Carolina, and stayed at the Fairfax Hotel for two days. [redacted] advised that he goes to Norfolk, Virginia, fairly often that he usually stays

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at the Atlantic Hotel in Norfolk, but this is the second time that he has stayed at the Fairfax Hotel.

[] further advised that he used his own ballpoint pen to write the letters.

[] further stated that he, himself, did not mail these letters and he had no idea as to who mailed the letters or when they were mailed.

It was pointed out to [] that both of the letters received to date were mailed in [] North Carolina, and that his story did not seem very possible.

[] insisted, however, that the above story was true and after being questioned further about the two individuals and the circumstances surrounding his being forced to write the letters he was again asked if this was in fact a true story. [] then hesitated for several minutes and stated that he would "leave it as it stands".

Thereafter [] was transported to his residence by the interviewing agents.

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On May 10, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of North Carolina at Raleigh, North Carolina, was advised of the facts in this matter. [redacted] advised that he did not desire to render a prosecutive opinion at this time, but stated that he desired to obtain the results of the FBI Laboratory examination of the letters along with their comparison of handwriting samples provided by [redacted]. He further advised that he desired to review this matter more fully while awaiting the results of the FBI Laboratory examination before rendering a prosecutive opinion.

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Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

9-2547

May 31, 1974

FBI FILE NO.

9-57519

LATENT CASE NO.

A-89076

TO SAC, Charlotte

UNSUB., AKA

RE

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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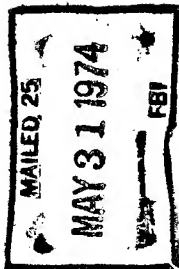
Airtel 5-9-74

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

Charlotte

SPECIMENS:

Fingerprints of



See attached page for results of comparisons of seven latent fingerprints previously developed on letter, Q2, submitted by Los Angeles Division, with letter dated 4-15-74. The remaining latent fingerprints previously reported in this case are not identical with fingerprints of [redacted] No palm prints available here for [redacted]

The submitted fingerprints were searched through our main file without locating an arrest record.

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The fingerprints are being returned for retention by Charlotte Division, inasmuch as they lack pattern area necessary for proper classifying and filing. However, photographs have been—

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SAC, Charlotte

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prepared of these fingerprints and will be available should additional comparisons be necessary in this case.

Laboratory report separate.

Fingerprints enclosed.

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FBI File No. 9-57519
Latent Case No. A-89075

May 31, 1974

RE:

[Redacted]

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**Seven latent fingerprints previously developed on Q2,
a letter made up of outout words and letters beginning 'If Johnny
Carson don't . . . , ' have been identified as fingerprints of [Redacted]**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded 5-31-74 3:45 p.m. hm Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE
Received 5-21-74

Re: UNSUB, aka. /

File # 9-57519-10
Lab.# D-740513046 IK

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JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

~~LC/A-90309~~

LC A-89075

OO: CHARLOTTE

Examination requested by: SAC, CHARLOTTE (9-2547)

Airtel 5/9/74

Examination requested: DOCUMENT - FINGERPRINT

Date received: 5/13/74

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Name submitted for comparison purposes:

Noted by:

2/15/74

No record

5/22

Fgpts to photo for neg & photo

Fgpts search of main file - no record

Fgpts returned as such (1) (over)

(prints not fully recorded)

*Returned to
Soc. Sec. Section*

and envelope
K1 Sheet of paper/bearing known hand printing of

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Fingerprint card of

*1cc - Los Angeles
(9-5309)*

*1-HFC
6/1/74
3-31-74
1-HFC
6/1/74*

Examination completed *3:45 pm*

Time

5/28/74

Date

Dictated *5/29/74*

Date

10 let fpts per report of this case

(3 let fpts - Q1
2 let fpts
1 let fpts - Q2)

Q1 & Q2 submitted by:
Los Angeles w/let 4/15/74

7 let fpts. Q2 #4, #6, #6, #6, #6, #7, #7

[redacted]

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3 let fpts not of fpts [redacted] & S Verified
[redacted]

description of

Q2

Letter made up of cut-out words and
letters beginning "If Johnny Carson don't..."

5/9/74

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (9-2547) (P)

UNSUB, aka.:

[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

(OO: CHARLOTTE)

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 4/15/74 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 5/1/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following:

1. Fingerprint impressions of [REDACTED]
2. Envelope bearing handwriting samples of [REDACTED]
3. One sheet white bond paper bearing handwriting samples of [REDACTED]

Above items were obtained 5/8/74 from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] M. G.

- ③ - Bureau (Encls - 3) (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (9-5309)
2 - Norfolk
2 - Charlotte

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

May 16, 1974

A-89075

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

UNSUB., AKA

RE:

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE:

Letter 4-15-74

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

Los Angeles

SPECIMENS:

Envelope and accompanying letter, Q1 and Q2

This report supplements Latent Fingerprint Section report dated 5-9 74.

Listed Q specimens are further described in a separate Laboratory report.

Ten latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value developed on Q1 and Q2.

Basis information furnished, no fingerprint records located here for following individuals:

Enc. (2)
2 - Charlotte

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Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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SAC, Los Angeles

May 16, 1974

Johnny Carson

Specimens are enclosed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded 4/23/74 vpp

NO LAB FILE

Recorded 5-1-74 11:15 a.m. Laboratory Work Sheet Received 5-1-74

Re:

Unsub aka

File #

Lab. #

7-57517-11
D-740422095 IK

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

LATENT

LC#A-89075

OO: Charlotte

Examination requested by:

FBI, Los Angeles (9-new) L. 4/15/74

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Date received:

4/19/74

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

Processed RTN IN 5/1/74
G1 & G2 Photo 5/2/74

Noted By:

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3 Det 44 mts of value - G1

2 Det 44 mts + 1 Det PIP of value - G2

Lab not seen

Basis info furnished No 44 mts
CTF (Chin only)

Spec and

En. 2

Johnny CARSON

Q1 Envelope bearing postmark "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM 8 APR 1974" bearing hand printed address "Tonight Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif"

Q2 Accompanying letter made up of cut-out words and letters beginning "If Johnny Carson don't..."

* 21 clippings pasted thereon

Return evid

2 cc - Charlotte

Examination Completed

Time

Date

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Date

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

DATE: 4 '15 '74

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-new)

SUBJECT: UNSUB aka [REDACTED]

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: CHARLOTTE

Re Los Angeles teletype dated 4/12/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original envelope and letter received by victim, plus xerox copy of the front and back of the envelope and a copy of the letter, as described hereinafter.

Enclosed for assistance of Charlotte are two copies of the front and back of the envelope and two copies of the letter.

Envelope postmarked "U. S. POSTAL SERVICE NC 285 PM 8 APR 1974" with handprinted address "TONIGHT SHOW NBC STUDIO HOLLYWOOD CALIF." with handprinted return address [REDACTED] N.C."

Accompanying sheet of salmon colored paper, bearing message consisting of words and numbers clipped from some type of publication, reading "IF JOHNNY CARSON DON'T SEND ME 25 000 TO [REDACTED] I WILL KILL HIM [REDACTED] N.C."

Letter and envelope were made available on 4 '12 '74, by [REDACTED] California, who advised SA [REDACTED] as follows:

One of his clients is JOHNNY CARSON, host of the NBC television program "The Tonight Show." On 4 '11 '74, he had dinner with victim who furnished him the envelope and letter and who advised as follows:

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 5) (RM)
- 2 - Charlotte (Encls. 6)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO.

9-2399
9-57819
A-89078

May 30, 1974

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE:

UNKNOWN AKA

JOHNNY CANSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE:

Airtel 5-1-74

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles

SPECIMENS:

Q3, envelope

Q4, hand printed letter

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Listed Q specimens described in separate Laboratory

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on Q3.
No latent prints of value developed on Q4.

See attached page for result of comparison of latent
fingerprint with fingerprints of [redacted] which were
submitted by Charlotte Division.

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EX-110

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Specimens enclosed.

Enc. (3)

2 - Charlotte (9-4547)

CFP:dmk

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Your File No. 9-5309
FBI File No. 9-57519
Latent Case No. A-89075

May 31, 1974

RE:

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A latent print developed on an envelope postmarked
"U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM 24 APR 1974" bearing hand
printed address "Tonight Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif 90028"
and designated Q3 has been identified as an impression from the
right thumb of

Recorded 5-21-74, 2:20 p.m. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Received 5-21-74

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5/8/74 vpp

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Re: Unsub. aka

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

LATENT

File # 9-57519-12
Lab.# D-740507006 IK

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LC A-89075

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OO: Charlotte

Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles (9-5309) A. 5/1/74

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 5/6/74

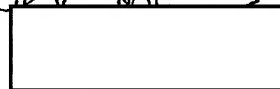
Result of Examination:

Examination by:



Noted by:

Went



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Q3 to photo in,
1 cat copy of val devel on Q3
Q #1 finger

(Data submitted by Charlotte) →

Q3 Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM 24 APR 1974" bearing hand printed address "Tonight Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif 90028"

Q4 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning "if Johnny Carson don't..." ending "...is not sent"

Return evid
cc - Charlotte
(9-2547)

No lat parts of val. Q4

Spec in enclosed (2)

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Examination completed

Time 5/28/74
Date

Dictated

5/29/74
Date

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Date: 5/1/74

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-5309)(P)

RE: UNSUB. aka...
[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: CHARLOTTE

Re Charlotte tel to Bureau dated 4/15/74.

The original of the following items and a xerox copy of each are enclosed for the Bureau:

Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. NC 285 PM 24 APR 1974" with handprinted address "Tonight Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif 90028" and handprinted return address [REDACTED] N.C."

Accompanying one page letter with handprinted message reading "IF JOHNNY CARSON DON'T SEND ME \$50.000 DOLLARS I WILL KILL HIM IN \$100 BILLS THANK YOU SEND TO [REDACTED] N.C. PS I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE MURDER BY PROXY PS I WILL BE IN HOLLYWOOD TO CARRY OUT THE THREAT IN A FEW MONTHS IF THE MONEY IS NOT SENT."

Two xerox copies of the envelope and letter are enclosed for the assistance of Charlotte.

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 4)(RM)
 2 - Charlotte (Encls. 4)(9-2547)
 2 - Los Angeles

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CARBON COPY

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[Handwritten initials]

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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 [Handwritten notes and stamps]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

REC-10

9-5309
9-57519 -13
A-89075

June 11, 1974

TO:

SAC, Los Angeles

EX-110

RE:

[REDACTED] AKA;
JOHN W. CARLSON (PH), AKA
JOHNNY CARLSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

SPECIMENS:

Letter 5-22-74

Los Angeles

Based on information furnished, no fingerprints
were located here for John W. Carlson and [REDACTED]

2 - Charlotte (9-2547)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 5-30-74 11:25a.m. amg Reference No: 9-5309
Received: 5-30-74 FBI File No: 9-57519-13
Latent Case No: A-89075
Answer to: SAC, Los Angeles

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to:

RE: [redacted] AKA;
JOHN W. CARSON (TN), AKA
JOHNNY CARSON-VICTIM
EXTORTION

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Date of reference communication: Letter 5-22-74

Specimens: Named for elimination purposes:
JOHN W. CARSON, AKA

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[redacted]

No civil
No Crim

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]
Evidence noted by:

Based on info furnished no prints
located here for CARSON & [redacted]

2cc Charlotte (9-2542)

[redacted]
6/11/74
CFO. [unclear]

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Examination completed

100 PM
Time

6/3/74
Date

Dictated

6/3/74
Date

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)

DATE: 5/22/74

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-5309)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

[redacted] aka;
JOHN W. CARSON (TN), aka
Johnny Carson - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: Charlotte

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Title marked changed to show victim's true name as JOHN W. CARSON, with alias Johnny Carson he uses as an entertainer.

Re Bureau letter, dated 5/16/74.

On 5/21/74, [redacted]
for victim, advised as follows:

[redacted] stated victim, is a white male, born 10/23/26, at Corning, Iowa. He was an officer in the Navy during World War II and served on active duty. [redacted] had no knowledge of any arrests concerning CARSON.

[redacted] advised he is a whitemale, born [redacted] New York, and was fingerprinted when he passed the New York State Bar examinations in 1963 and agains fingerprinted at Los Angeles, California when he passed the California State Bar examinations in 1973. [redacted] believed he was also fingerprinted in 1963 in either Nashville, Tennessee or New York, New York when he applied for Officer Candidate School in the United States Army.

The Identification Division is requested to conduct search through Civil Fingerprint files for CARSON and [redacted] and if their prints located therein, use them for elimination purposes on any latents developed on specimens submitted in this matter.

- 2 - Bureau
2 - Charlotte (9-2547)
2 - Los Angeles

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9-57519-13

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHARLOTTE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHARLOTTE	DATE 7/22/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/12/74 - 7/19/74
TITLE OF CASE <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> aka JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div>	TYPED BY lctb6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE:Charlotte report of SA 5/21/74.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigation period of this report reflects investigation included in summary form in referenced report which was furnished to Charlotte Division by teletype and is included in this report in FD-302 form, and investigative period reflects the entire period of this investigation since its institution.

It is noted that on 6/13/74, AUSA EDNC, Raleigh, N.C., was contacted re this matter; however, due to

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>					SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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an upcoming term of court, [] advised that he had not had time to review the matter, and stated that he would contact the writer at a later date when he was able to review the matter at more length.

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On 6/24/74, the USA's office, Raleigh, N.C., advised that [] was out of town for the week.

On 7/17/74, [] was contacted again concerning this matter and advised that he would discuss the matter with AUSA [] inasmuch as [] was now working in the Civil Division and [] would be handling the criminal matters, including instant matter.

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AT [] N.C.

Will contact victim's [] and the victim, and ascertain whether he and the victim consider this matter a serious threat and are willing to cooperate in prosecution of subject, which would necessitate their appearance in USDC, [] N.C. It is noted that AUSA [] has advised that it is his inclination that unless [] and CARSON are seriously concerned about this matter and willing to cooperate in prosecution, it would be his inclination to decline prosecution of the subject.

CHARLOTTE

AT [] N.C.

Will recontact AUSA upon receipt of information from Los Angeles Division.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Raleigh, N.C.

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 7/29/74

Office: CHARLOTTE

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Field Office File #: CE 9-2547

Bureau File #:

Title: [REDACTED]
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Details of interviews with victim's [REDACTED] set forth relative to receipt of three threatening letters by victim, wherein his life was threatened if he did not send \$50,000 to [REDACTED] N.C. Investigation at Norfolk, Va., revealed subject unknown at Fairfax Hotel, Norfolk, Va. FBI Laboratory and latent fingerprint examination set forth, which revealed handwriting on threat letters to be that of the subject, and also eight latent fingerprints on letters and envelope identified as those of subjects. AUSA [REDACTED] EDNC, Raleigh, N.C., advised 7/19/74, he would desire to know opinion of victim [REDACTED] concerning their cooperation in prosecution of subject, as it would appear no serious danger to victim is imminent and subject would appear to be interested largely in publicity.

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription April 16, 1974

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[redacted]
advised as follows:

One of his clients is JOHNNY CARSON, host of the NBC television program, "The Tonight Show". On April 11, 1974, he had dinner with CARSON who furnished him with the following described items, and a copy of each is attached:

Envelope postmarked, "U. S. POSTAL SERVICE NC 285 PM 8 APR 1974", with hand printed address, "TONIGHT SHOW NBC STUDIO HOLLYWOOD CALIF", with hand printed return address, [redacted] N.C."

Accompanying sheet of salmon colored paper bearing message consisting of words and numbers clipped from some type of publication reading, "IF JOHNNY CARSON DON'T SEND ME 25 000 TO [redacted] I WILL KILL HIM [redacted] N.C."

CARSON advised [redacted] as follows:

The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Television Network, 3000 West Alameda, Burbank, California, has a "Guest Relations Department" that receives all mail addressed to persons who appear on any television program. On April 11, 1974, the previously described envelope and accompanying letter were received in the department, opened, and retained for CARSON until he arrived at the studio on that date. The letter had been opened by someone in the Guest Relations Department and CARSON did not know how many persons might have handled the envelope and letter.

CARSON furnished the items to [redacted] on April 11, 1974, and requested they be turned over to the FBI. [redacted] said CARSON had never received similar letters from [redacted] [redacted] was unknown to him, and that CARSON had

Interviewed on 4/12/74 at [redacted] California File # Los Angeles 9-5309

by SA [redacted] /KAH Date dictated 4/12/74

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no suspects. [] was advised that if CARSON desired protection he should so notify his local police department. [] stated CARSON resides at 400 St. Cloud Road, Bel Air, California, and resides within the West Los Angeles Division of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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[] was advised the matter would be presented to the United States Attorney for a prosecutive opinion and that [] would be advised of the opinion. [] advised that CARSON was not particularly upset by the letter but believed the FBI should be aware of the situation.

[] described CARSON as a white male, 48 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 160 pounds, gray hair, blue eyes, Social Security Account Number 508-14-8695.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 5/2/74

[redacted] National Broadcasting Company
Studio, Burbank, California, telephonically advised as
follows:

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She is [redacted] to JOHNNY CARSON, host of the
televised "Tonite Show." He recently advised her he
received a threatening letter in the mail about the
middle of April 1974.

On April 29, 1974, he made available to her a
letter he had just received in the mail that date and
advised her to insert it in a cellophane envelope which
she did. She recalled the letter was postmarked
April 24, 1974, at [redacted] North Carolina, and was
addressed to the "Tonite Show" and not CARSON by name.
The envelope contained a hand printed message to the
effect that if CARSON did not send \$50,000.00 to [redacted]
[redacted] North Carolina,
the writer would kill him.

She said she reviewed her record and had no
prior correspondence from [redacted]

Her office telephone number is [redacted]
extension [redacted]

She was unable to furnish additional information.

Interviewed on 4/29/74 at Burbank, California File # Los Angeles 9-5309

by SA [redacted] /lab Date dictated 4/29/74

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1Date of transcription 5/2/74

[redacted]
[redacted] advised as follows:

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One of his clients is JOHNNY CARSON, host of the televised National Broadcasting Company's "Tonite Show." CARSON previously received a letter from a person who used the return address of [redacted] North Carolina."

On April 29, 1974, CARSON advised [redacted] he had received a second letter on April 29, 1974, and desired to make it available to [redacted] and the FBI. [redacted] obtained the letter from CARSON on April 29, 1974.

On April 30, 1974, [redacted] made the items available and a copy of each are attached hereto. [redacted] had no further information.

Interviewed on 4/30/74 at [redacted] California File # Los Angeles 9-5309

by SA [redacted] lab Date dictated 4/30/74

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 5/17/74

On May 10, 1974, the following items were received in the mail from [redacted] 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, California, inasmuch as she is [redacted] to JOHNNY CARSON, host of the Tonight Show who received two threatening letters in the past:

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Envelope postmarked "U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM 4 MAY 1974" with hand printed address "JOHNNY CARSON NBC NETWORK HOLLYWOOD CALIF 90028" and hand printed return address [redacted] N.C. [redacted].

Accompanying sheet of paper with hand printed message reading:

"IF JOHNNY CARSON DON'T SEND ME \$50.000 DOLLARS I WILL KILL HIM IN 100 BILLS THANK YOU. SEND TO [redacted] N.C. PS I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE MURDER BY PROXY PS I WILL BE IN HOLLYWOOD TO CARRY OUT THE THREAT IN A FEW MONTHS IF THE MONEY IS NOT SENT PS HOW IS [redacted] I'M A HOMICIDAL MANIAC."

Copies of the envelope and letter are attached.

Interviewed on 5/10/74 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 9-5309

by SA [redacted] /bjg Date dictated 5/16/74

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 6/10/741

[redacted] Office Staff, Fairfax Hotel, Norfolk, Virginia, made available their guest registry book which is a record of all guests at the Fairfax Hotel from January 24, 1974, through May 10, 1974. A review of this book failed to indicate the name of [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the name [redacted] is completely unfamiliar to him.

Interviewed on 5/30/74 at Norfolk, Virginia File # Norfolk 9-694
by SA [redacted] fjd Date dictated 6/5/74

CE 9-2547

By communication dated June 10, 1974, the Norfolk Division of the FBI advised that on May 22, 1974, [redacted] Identification Division, Norfolk, Virginia, Police Department, advised that their records are negative regarding [redacted]

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Charlotte (9-2547)

Date:

May 20, 1974

FBI File No.

9-57519

Re: UNSUB. aka

Lab. No.

D-740513046 IK

[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTIONb6
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Specimens received 5/13/74

K1 Sheet of paper and envelope bearing known hand printing of

[REDACTED]
ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of [REDACTED]

Result of examination:

The hand printing on specimens Q1, Q3, and Q4 was determined to have been prepared by [REDACTED] the writer of specimen K1.

Specimen K1 is returned herewith. Photographs have been retained.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)

Date: May 20, 1974

Re: Unsub, aka

FBI File No. 9-57519

Lab. No. D-740507006 IK

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
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Specimens received 5/6/74

Q3 Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM
24 APR 1974," bearing hand printed address "Tonight
Show NBC Studio Hollywood Calif 90028"

Q4 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning "if Johnny
Carson don't..." ending "... is not sent"

Result of examination:

Characteristics in the hand printing on specimens
Q3 and Q4 indicate that these documents were probably prepared
by the writer of the hand printing on specimen Q1.

Specimens Q3 and Q4 contain no indented writing
or other feature through which their immediate source might
be ascertained.

Photographs of specimens Q3 and Q4 have been
retained.

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)

Date: June 5, 1974

Re: aka

FBI File No.

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Lab. No.

D-740524003 IK

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EXTORTION

Specimens received

5/23/74

Q5 Envelope postmarked "U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285 PM
4 MAY 1974," bearing the hand printed address "JOHNNY
CARSON NBC Network Hollywood Calif 90028"

Q6 Accompanying sheet of ruled paper bearing the hand printed
letter beginning "If JOHNNY CARSON DON'T SEND ME..."

Result of examination:

The hand printing on specimens Q5 and Q6 was deter-
mined to have been prepared by the writer
of specimen K1.

The writings of specimens Q5 and Q6 are returned
herewith. Photographs have been retained.

On July 19, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] was contacted concerning this matter. [redacted] advised that from the facts in this matter, it would appear that the subject, who apparently suffers from some sort of mental condition, may be most interested in obtaining publicity for himself and does not appear to present an imminent danger to the victim. [redacted] advised that since the victim in this matter is a well-known public figure, he would desire to know the opinion of the victim [redacted] as to whether they considered subject's threats serious to the extent that they would be willing to cooperate in the subject's prosecution, which would most likely necessitate their appearance in Federal District Court at [redacted] North Carolina.

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[redacted] further advised that unless this were the case, he would be inclined to decline prosecution of the subject for lack of prosecutive merit, inasmuch as it would appear that the subject is most likely seeking publicity and is not serious in his threats.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHARLOTTE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHARLOTTE	DATE 10/23/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/5/74 - 10/22/74
TITLE OF CASE [redacted] aka JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY gas b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE:

Charlotte report of SA [redacted] dated 7/22/74;
Los Angeles nitel to Charlotte, dated 9/27/74.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report is being furnished to Los Angeles Division for their information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Raleigh, N. C.

Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
10/23/74

Office: CHARLOTTE

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Field Office File #: CE 9-2547

Bureau File #:

Title:

[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: On 8/5/74, [REDACTED] advised of AUSA's opinion, that he was inclined to decline prosecution of subject, but desired victim's opinion re prosecution. [REDACTED] advised 9/27/74 he would telephonically contact AUSA [REDACTED] and discuss matter with him. On 10/22/74, AUSA [REDACTED] advised he had received no contact from [REDACTED] and stated that in view of the above, he would decline prosecution in this matter for lack of prosecutive merit.

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DETAILS:AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On August 5, 1974, [REDACTED] for victim JOHNNY CARSON, was advised of the opinion of the United States Attorney's Office at Raleigh, North Carolina, namely that he would be inclined to decline prosecution of the subject for lack of prosecutive merit unless victim [REDACTED] felt strongly otherwise. [REDACTED] stated that he would confer with CARSON and advise the Los Angeles Division of the FBI.

On September 27, 1974, [REDACTED] was recontacted and the situation was again explained to him, at which time [REDACTED] stated that he would telephone Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] at Raleigh, North Carolina, on September 30, 1974, and discuss the matter further with him.

AT [REDACTED], NORTH CAROLINA

Upon receipt of the above information, Assistant

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United States Attorney [redacted] was contacted and advised of [redacted] intention.

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On September 30, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] was contacted and advised that he had not received any communication from [redacted]
[redacted]

On October 22, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] was recontacted, at which time he advised that he has as yet not been contacted by the victim or the [redacted] and that in view of the circumstances he would decline prosecution of the subject for general lack of prosecutive merit.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

REC 27 EX-101 LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-5309
 FBI FILE NO. 9-57519 - 16
 LATENT CASE NO. A-89073

July 18, 1975

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE:

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

AKA:

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REFERENCE Airtel 6-5-75

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY Los Angeles

SPECIMENS: Q7, envelope

Q8, sheet of paper bearing hand printed message
 Magazine article

Listed specimens further described in separate
 Laboratory report.

Two latent fingerprints of value developed on
 Q7 and one latent palm print of value developed on Q8.
 No other latent prints of value developed on specimens.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints

North Carolina. No inked palm prints here for
 for comparison with latent palm print.

Specimens enclosed.

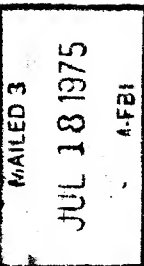
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Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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10:55 a.m. bjg
Laboratory Work Sheet

Received 7-1-75

To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)

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Re:



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FBI FILE NO.

9-57519 -16

LAB. NO.

D-750612064 IK

YOUR NO.

LC# A-89075

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EXTORTION

Examination by:



OO: Charlotte

LATENT

Examination requested by:

Los Angeles

Noted by:

Reference:

Airtel dated 6/5/75

Examination requested:

Document - Finge rprint

Specimens received:

Specimens received 6/12/75
2 x 100's produced T + N in Q7 + 8 photos 7/1/75
7/172 x 100's + 1 lat pprt of value div. (N) as follows: TBT
1 2 ppts Q7
1 1 pprt Q8

No other lots of value div. TBT

(over)

Q1 Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. NC 285
PM 26 MAY 1975," bearing hand printed address
"Johnny Carson NBC Studio Hollywood CA 90028"No 174 m.p.
on envelope
TBTQ2 Sheet of paper bearing newspaper clipping and
hand printed message beginning "if Johnny Carson
don't send..."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Magazine article

2 - Charlotte (9-2547)

Examination completed

Time

2:45 PM

Date

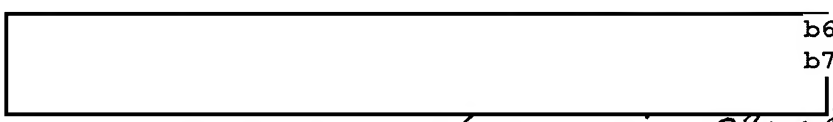
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Dictated

Date

7/17/75

Lat fpts not & fpts



in [redacted] N.C. TBT
No fpts here (Robison)
Detained. TBT

(Photo of fpts card in photo file)
Orig ret'd to Charlotte per
BFPS report 5/31/74. TBT

Specs being ret'd hwr. TBT

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Date: 6/5/75

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-57519)
ATTN: FBI, LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-5309)

SUBJECT: CHANGED [REDACTED] aka

JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: CharlotteTitle marked changed to add new aliases for
subject as [REDACTED] as set out in
his latest letter to victim.Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated
10/23/74 at Charlotte.Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and
one copy of an envelope, accompanying note and magazine
page received by victim. Two copies of each are enclosed
for Charlotte.By envelope postmarked 6/3/74 at Burbank,
California, [REDACTED] to victim, NBC
television entertainer, furnished the following items
to the Los Angeles Office:Envelope postmarked "U.S. Postal Service,
NC 285 PM 26 May 1975", with hand printed address,

ENCLOSURE

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
- 2 - Charlotte (Enc. 6) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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"JOHNNY CARSON, NBC Studio, Hollywood. CA 90028" and
hand printed return address [redacted]
[redacted] N.C. [redacted]"

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Accompanying sheet of paper bearing hand
printed message "If JOHNNY CARSON don't send me \$6000
dollars I will kill him in \$100 bills Send to [redacted]
[redacted] N.C. [redacted] PS I am not
kidding! Pasted on the bottom of this paper was a
photograph of victim and a woman, identified by [redacted]
as [redacted] with lines extending from the words
"Bullets - July - 4 1976" to ink marks on the foreheads
of victim and [redacted]"

Accompanying page torn from magazine with
article, marked "X", captioned "It was this way, warden...!
with an article about "...how many amateur would-be
hunters don't know the identification of the mammals
and birds they shoot."

[redacted] advised these items were opened in the
NBC Studio mailroom and then brought to her. She
estimated possibly a dozen persons handled each item.
She advised that victim is aware that if he desired
protection, he should notify his local police agency.

For information of the Bureau and Charlotte,
[redacted] CARSON's [redacted], advised 6/4/75, that
he is aware of latest letter received by victim and
noted victim has received series of letters from [redacted]
commencing 4/8/74 to the present. [redacted] indicated victim
concerned about contents of latest letter particularly
since photograph included [redacted] stated
he and victim desire to cooperate with Assistant United
States Attorney, who might furnish opinion in this matter,
but victim's contractual obligations are such that he would
prefer not to be subpoenaed as witness. [redacted] as
[redacted] indicated he would be willing to
testify about receipt of letter by victim and was advised
his statement would be furnished to Assistant United
States Attorney, Raleigh, North Carolina, who is proper

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person to make decisions in prosecutive matters. [redacted]
has [redacted]
California, telephone number [redacted]

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REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY

Requested to compare hand printing on enclosures with known hand printing of subject to determine if prepared by the same person. Items should be processed by Latent Fingerprint Section of FBI Identification Division and any latents of value should be compared with previously submitted fingerprint card of subject. Upon completion of exams, items should be returned to Los Angeles and copy of results furnished to Charlotte.

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CHARLOTTE

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA: Present to U.S. Attorney for prosecutive opinion, and inform him of [redacted] statement.

AT [redacted] NORTH CAROLINA: Locate and interview subject at [redacted].



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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)**

July 1, 1975

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. **9-57519**

LAB. NO. **D-750612064 IK**

Re: aka

**JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION**

OO: Charlotte

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**

Reference: **Airtel dated 6/5/75**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be separately advised regarding the
result of the latent fingerprint examination and the
disposition of specimens Q7 and Q8 and the ALSO SUBMITTED
item.**

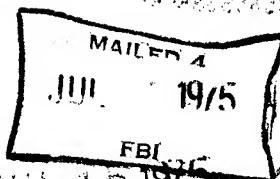
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To:

SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)

July 1, 1975

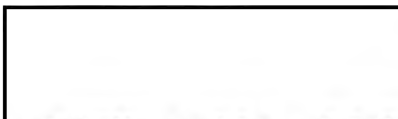
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LAB. NO.

D-750612084 IK

Re:



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JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
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Specimens received

6/12/75

Q7 Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NC 285
PM 26 MAY 1975," bearing hand printed address
"Johnny Carson NBC Studio Hollywood CA 90028"

Q8 Sheet of paper bearing clipping and hand printed
message beginning "if Johnny Carson don't send..."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Magazine article

Result of examination:

It was determined that the hand printing
on specimens Q7 and Q8 was prepared by [redacted]
[redacted] the writer of specimen K1.

Photographs of specimens Q7 and Q8 have
been retained.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)

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Re:



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JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: Charlotte

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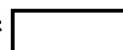
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D-750612064 IK

YOUR NO.

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Examination by:



6/27/75
WSO

LATENT

Examination requested by:

Los Angeles

Reference:

Airtel dated 6/5/75

Examination requested:

Document - Finge rprint

Specimens received:

6/12/75

See attached 1
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Q1 Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. NC 285
PM 26 MAY 1975," bearing hand printed address
"Johnny Carson NBC Studio Hollywood CA 90028"

Q2 Sheet of paper bearing ~~newspaper~~ clipping and
hand printed message beginning "if Johnny Carson
don't send..."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Magazine article

2 - Charlotte (9-2547)

Lab report
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WSO:rlk

PHOTOGRAPHED

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Q7 Length - 9.5"

width 4.2"

no water marks

no indented writing

Thickness .0039

no Stamp

Q8 Length 10.47"

width 6.9" (left edge round)

no water marks

no indented writing or signature

Thickness .0029

CCP 6/23/75

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2- CHARLOTTE (9-2547)

Results of exam:

It was determined that [redacted]
[redacted] writer of handprinting on K1, also
wrote the handprinting on Q27 and Q28.

Submitted evidence will be returned separately -
Photographs are retained.

T.F. Submitted evidence will be returned
with results of latent fingerprint examination.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (9-5309)

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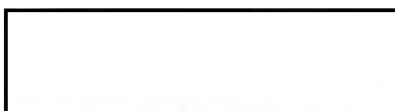
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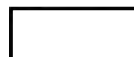
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Examination by:



JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: Charlotte

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Los Angeles

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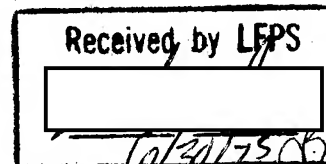
Airtel dated 6/5/75

Examination requested:

Document - Finge rprint

Specimens received:

6/12/75



*Return Q7, Q8 & also submitted items to Los Angeles too
Specs expanded & ret'd with LFPS report
to L.A. 7/18/75 TBS*

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Q1 Envelope postmarked "U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. MC 385
PM 28 MAY 1975," bearing hand printed address
"Johnny Carson NBC Studio Hollywood CA 90028"
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Q2 Sheet of paper bearing newspaper clipping and
hand printed message beginning "if Johnny Carson
don't send..."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Magazine article

2 - Charlotte (9-2547)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHARLOTTE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHARLOTTE	DATE 8/21/75	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/8/75 - 8/13/75
TITLE OF CASE <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 60px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">aka</div> </div> JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>	TYPED BY ph
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE: Charlotte reports of SA dated 7/22/74 and 10/23/74.
Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 6/5/75.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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1 - USA, Los Angeles, California

Report of:
Date:

SA [REDACTED]
8/21/75

Office: CHARLOTTE

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Field Office File #:

9-2547

Bureau File #: 9-57519

Title:

[REDACTED]
JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION

Synopsis:

By letter postmarked 5/26/75, victim was demanded to send \$6,000 or be killed to [REDACTED] N. C. On letter demanding money was photograph of victim and [REDACTED] with lines extending to ink marks on forehead marked "bullets - July 4, 1976." Letter and envelope furnished to FBI Laboratory who identified handwriting as that of subject [REDACTED]. No fingerprint identification effected. Subject interviewed 8/1/75 and stated he did not know whether he wrote extortion letter. Subject examined by psychiatrist at [REDACTED] N. C.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AUSA [REDACTED] Raleigh, N. C., advised he would decline prosecution in this matter in view of subject's mental condition.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter was instituted upon receipt of information from the Los Angeles Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated June 5, 1975, as follows:

By letter dated June 3, 1974, at Burbank, California, [REDACTED] to victim, JOHNNY CARSON, NBC television entertainer, furnished the following items to the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

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Envelope postmarked "U.S. Postal Service, NC 285 PM 26 May 1975", with hand printed address, "JOHNNY CARSON, NBC Studio, Hollywood, CA 90028" and hand printed return address [redacted] N. C. [redacted]"

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Accompanying sheet of paper bearing hand printed message "If JOHNNY CARSON don't send me \$6000 dollars I will kill him in \$100 bills Send to [redacted] N.C. [redacted] PS I am not kidding." Pasted on the bottom of this paper was a photograph of victim and a woman, identified by [redacted] with lines extending from the words "Bullets - July - 4 1976" to ink marks on the foreheads of victim and [redacted]

Accompanying page torn from magazine with article, marked "X", captioned "It was this way, warden..." with an article about "...how many amateur would-be hunters don't know the identification of the mammals and birds they shoot."

[redacted] advised these items were opened in the NBC Studio mailroom and then brought to her. She estimated possibly a dozen persons handled each item. She advised that victim is aware that if the desired protection, he should notify his local police agency.

On June 4, 1975, [redacted] CARSON's [redacted] advised that he is aware of the latest letter received by the victim and noted that CARSON has received a series of letters from [redacted] beginning April 8, 1974, to the present. [redacted] stated that CARSON was concerned about the contents of the latest letter received, particularly since the photograph included [redacted] stated he and CARSON desire to cooperate with the U. S. Attorney's Office in this matter but that CARSON's contractual obligations are such that he would prefer not to be subpoenaed as a witness. [redacted] indicated he would be willing to testify about the receipt of the letter by CARSON and would furnish a statement to this effect. [redacted] has [redacted] [redacted] California, telephone number [redacted]

A copy of the above items is attached as follows:

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By communication dated July 1, 1975, the FBI Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised as follows:

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By communication dated July 18, 1975, the
Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division
advised as follows:

On July 8, 1975, this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina. [redacted] advised that this matter should be discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] who is currently out of the office. [redacted] advised, however, that it was her opinion that in view of indications that the subject is receiving mental or psychiatric care that the [redacted] North Carolina, should be contacted in an attempt to determine his status before conducting any additional investigation and that the appropriate officials at [redacted] should be advised of the subject writing extortion letters.

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On July 9, 1975, [redacted] North Carolina, was contacted. [redacted] advised that her records revealed that the subject was a former visitor to the clinic and is now in inactive status. [redacted] was advised of the most recent letter and previous letters having been written to JOHNNY CARSON by the subject. [redacted] advised that she would advise the appropriate officials of the clinic who would most likely reinstitute contact with the subject.

On July 30, 1975, this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] at Raleigh, North Carolina. [redacted] advised that it would be his tendency to decline prosecution of the subject in view of his mental situation; however, he indicated he felt the subject should be interviewed concerning the most recent letter and further that [redacted] North Carolina, should be recontacted to determine any available information concerning the subject.

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[redacted] was contacted at [redacted] and immediately advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, namely that it concerned extortion letter mailed to JOHNNY CARSON, at Hollywood, California. [redacted] was advised of his rights as set forth on a form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights", which was read to him and which he read and stated that he understood, but further stated that he did not want to sign anything, but would voluntarily provide information concerning this matter.

[redacted] was shown a copy of a letter sent to JOHNNY CARSON of NBC (National Broadcasting Company), Hollywood, California, instructing him to send \$6,000 to [redacted] North Carolina. After viewing this letter and being asked whether he had in fact prepared and mailed this letter, [redacted] could only state that he did not know whether he had or not. It was pointed out to [redacted] that his handwriting had been identified as the handwriting on this letter as well as earlier similar letters sent to Mr. CARSON in April, 1974, and [redacted] could only state, "Well, maybe I did write them, but I don't know." [redacted] refused to discuss any motivation behind the sending of the letters and would provide no further information concerning this matter.

Present during the interview was [redacted] who advised the interviewing Agent that [redacted] has been treated at [redacted] North Carolina, for the past several years, and she stated that she believed that [redacted] was writing these letters only to gain attention. [redacted] was asked whether he had in fact been receiving care at [redacted] to which he replied in the affirmative and stated that he had no objection to the interviewing Agent talking to his doctor at [redacted] but when furnished a form authorizing the release of medical information, [redacted] declined to sign this form, stating that he did not desire to sign anything.

Interviewed on 8/1/75 at [redacted] N. C. File # CE 9-2547
by SA [redacted] rmi Date dictated 8/11/75

On August 1, 1975, [redacted] of the [redacted] North Carolina, was contacted. [redacted] advised that she has been assigned to work with the subject but has not yet had any contact with him. [redacted] advised that she had been advised by [redacted] of the extortion letters being written by the subject to JOHNNY CARSON and had requested a psychiatric consultation for the subject with [redacted] the Psychiatric Consultant who worked with the [redacted]. She advised this consultation had been set for August 5, 1975.

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On August 5, 1975, [redacted] Medical Doctor, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and

[redacted] stated that during the interview, [redacted] voluntarily signed a waiver to release information and he had discussed the extortion letters to CARSON during his interview with [redacted] indicated only that he wrote the letters for the money only and did not seriously intend to direct any harm towards CARSON or [redacted]. [redacted] stated he would furnish SA [redacted] with a copy of his report concerning the subject.

On August 6, 1975, this matter was again discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] who advised that in view of [redacted] evaluation of the subject, he would decline prosecution in this matter for a general lack of prosecutive merit. [redacted] advised further that in view of the fact that venue in this type of matter lies in the Eastern District of North Carolina as well as in Los Angeles, California, and since the victim, through [redacted] appeared to be somewhat more concerned about this most recent letter, he felt it would be appropriate to furnish the results of this investigation to the U. S. Attorney's Office at Los Angeles, California, in the event that that office should desire to consider prosecution in this matter.

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[redacted]
[redacted] North Carolina, made available to
SA [redacted] the following two items:

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1. A North Carolina Division of Mental Health
Services Release of Information form executed August 5,
1975, authorizing release of information concerning [redacted]
[redacted]

2. State of North Carolina, Department of Mental
Health Psychiatric History and Evaluation report for [redacted]
[redacted] record number [redacted] dated August 5, 1975, and
executed by [redacted] Medical Doctor, Psychiatric
Consultant.

Interviewed on 8/13/75 at [redacted] N. C. File # Charlotte 9-2547
by SA [redacted] pbh 13 Date dictated 8/14/75

NORTH CAROLINA
DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

TO:

[Redacted]

(Name of Facility Being Asked for Information)

Aug 5, 1975

This is to authorize and request the chief executive officer of the foregoing named facility to release only such information that is necessary in order to promote appropriate care and services for:

[Redacted]

(Name of Patient)

FROM:

FBI

(Name and Address of Facility or Person Requesting Information)

This authorization and request is fully understood and is made entirely voluntarily on the part of the undersigned.

(1) Signed:

[Redacted]

(Patient)

Witness to his or her mark, if necessary:

[Redacted]

(Witness)

Date: Aug. 5, 1975 Address: _____

(2) Signed:

(Legal Guardian of Minor or Ward)

(Witness)

Date: _____ Address: _____

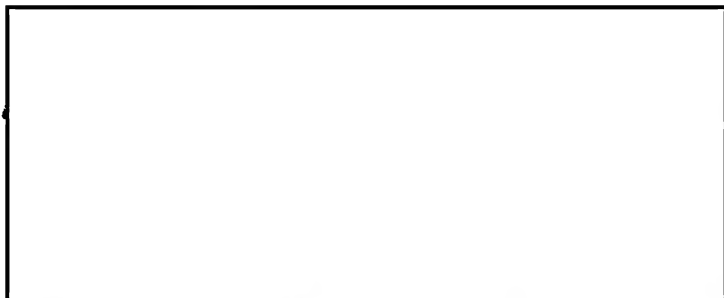
(3) Signed:

(Parent of Patient)

(Witness)

Date: _____ Address: _____

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Johnny Carson - Victim;
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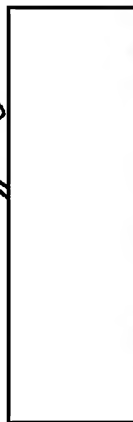
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Date 6/5/75



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clipping and hand
printed message beginning
"if Johnny Carson
don't send --"

Johnny Carson

NBC Studio

Hollywood CA 90028

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Envelope postmarked - US Postal
Service, NC 285 PM 26 Mar
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address - Johnny Carson
NBC Studios, Hollywood
Ca 90028



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Los Angeles
9/14/92 - Letter
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JOHNNY CARSON - VICTIM
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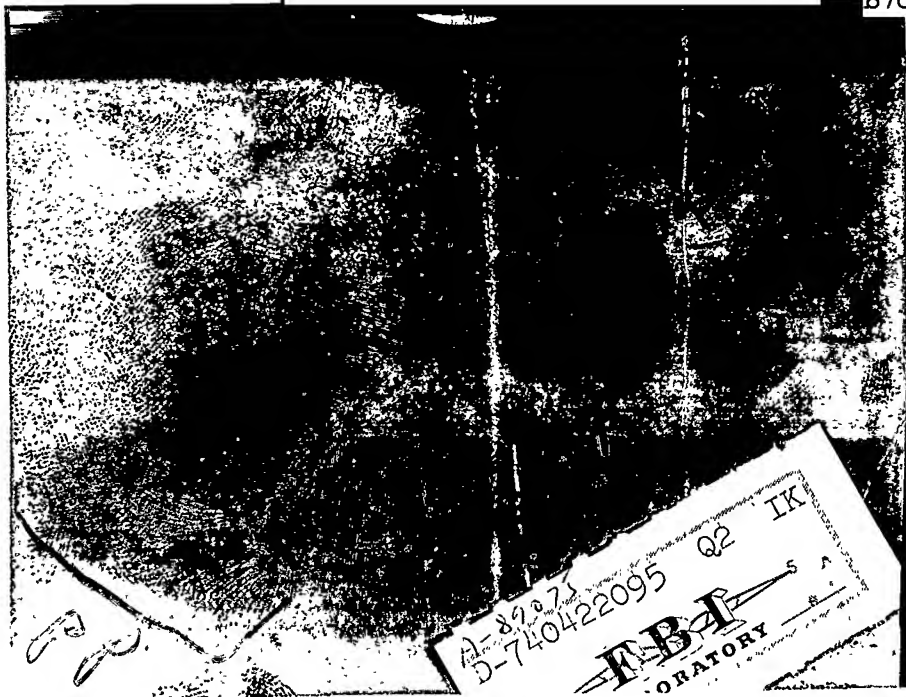
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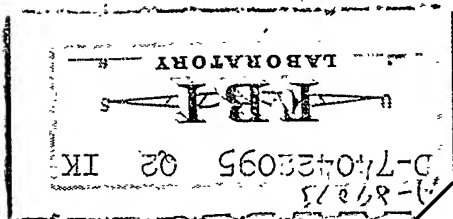
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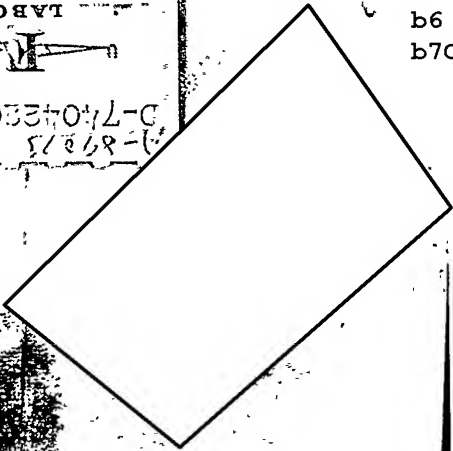
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IF JOHNNY CARSON don't Send
I will Kill him

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and letters beginning,
"It Johnny Carson don't".

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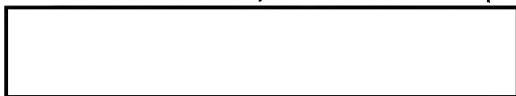
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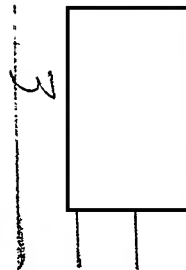
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